

May 3, 2022

Re: Support for Arrowhead Property Conservation



Dear Forterra,

The City of Kenmore supports the conservation of the Arrowhead Property and its inclusion in the St. Edward State Park. We support Forterra and Washington State Park in their continued efforts to secure funding to support the acquisition of the project. This is an incredible opportunity to add an important piece of land to St. Edward State Park, which will increase access to the State Park and will permanently protect this critical undeveloped property along Lake Washington.

The City of Kenmore is pleased to support the funding request in this grant application. This funding will be used in combination with funding that has already been secured through King County's Conservation Futures Program and King County Flood Control District's Cooperative Watershed Management Program.

The property exhibits exemplary conservation value and contributes to the open space of the area. The hilly terrain showcases mature native forest of Douglas fir, madrone, alder and cedar and Salal and sword fern carpet the understory. A variety of wildlife species inhabit the property and are documented by the students and faculty at UW-Bothell. These studies have confirmed that river otters, bobcat, Douglas squirrel, flying squirrel, and other species benefit from the habitat refugia provided by the State Park and the Arrowhead property. This educational opportunity provides students a local, urban forest in which to study how wildlife interact with and utilize the urban landscape.

The Arrowhead property would be an important conservation target on its own. Being contiguous with the state park magnifies its benefits to wildlife. The property also includes 880 feet of stream that flows into Lake Washington. The property has 245 of natural shore, which provides habitat for many species, including salmon, herons, and otters. Undeveloped shore of Lake Washington is a rare and invaluable resource, and only a few unprotected locations remain. We encourage full funding to support this project.

Sincerely,

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Rob Karlinsey (Apr 27, 2022 11:07 PDT)

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